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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

ABM CANISTER IN SILO 3B AT SARY-SHAGAN MTC LAUNCH COMPLEX F, USSR (TSR)

(TSR) An ABM canister was identified for the first time in silo 3B at Sary-Shagan Missile Test Center (MTC) Launch Complex F, USSR, on [REDACTED]. The capped canister was [REDACTED] in diameter. The smallest ABM canister identified to date is the SH-04 canister, which is [REDACTED] in diameter. The only other known ABM in research and development is the SH-08 missile, which has never been observed enclosed in a canister but has been observed protruding from a [REDACTED] diameter launch tube/canister at position 3A. Therefore, the canister in the silo may be for the SH-08 missile.

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(TSR) The canister was surrounded by four stabilizer blocks that were attached to the silo wall. A gap between the canister and the stabilizer blocks and a [REDACTED] distance between opposing stabilizer blocks were observed. A ring-like device, [REDACTED] in diameter, was on the silo apron. A probable rear cap for the canister was also on the silo apron.

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(TSR) The canister apparently was present on [REDACTED]. At that time, it appeared that a work platform was over the silo. On [REDACTED] the canister did not appear to be present. On imagery of [REDACTED] blast marks from a recent launch were observed at the silo.

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(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [REDACTED] Soviet Strategic Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, [REDACTED]

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